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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, US, UK, XO

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA

, MONDAY AFTERNOON MILLINGTON OF UK EMBASSY PROVIDED  
THE FOLLOWING TEXT AGREED UPON BY HMG FOR DECLASSIFICATION:

QUOTE:

ONE OF THE MAIN CONSIDERATIONS IN SETTING UP THE  
BIOT WAS THAT ONLY CONTRACT LABOR INHABITED THE ISLANDS  
AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY WHEN THE PLANTATIONS WERE CLOSED  
NO PERSONS WOULD REMAIN THERE WHO WERE NOT OFFICIAL US  
OR UK PERSONNEL. ACCORDINGLY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
PURCHASED THE LEASEHOLD OF THE COPRA PLANTATIONS, AND  
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MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO RESETTLE THE CONTRACT LABOR FORCE

ELSEWHERE.

THE DETACHMENT FROM MAURITIUS AND THE SEYCHELLES  
OF THE ISLANDS NOW COMPRISING THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN  
TERRITORY REQUIRED COMPENSATION TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS  
FOR SUCH MATTERS AS LOSS OF SOVEREIGNTY, PURCHASE OF  
PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY OR LAND, AND RESETTLEMENT OF  
MIGRATORY WORKERS. THE USG AGREED IN 1966 TO PROVIDE

HALF OF THE TOTAL COST INVOLVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE BIOT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 MILLION POUNDS  
STERLING BY WAIVING TO THAT EXTENT RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT SURCHARGES FOR UNITED KINGDOM PURCHASE  
OF THE POLARIS MISSILE SYSTEM. UNQUOTE.

2. TEXT HAS BEEN PASSED TO DOD FOR APPROVAL. THIS IN-  
FORMATION IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE DECLASSIFIED UNTIL  
DOD CLEARANCE RECEIVED. EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED SOONEST.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS ALL CABLE TRAFFIC  
ON THIS ISSUE TO PM DIRECTOR - GEORGE S. VEST. KISSINGER

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